

Summary of H.R. 2134

To create a commission to study and report on establishment of a National Museum of the American Latino Community

Sec. 1 Title is “National Museum of the American Latino Community Commission Act”

Sec. 2 There would be 23 members of the commission, appointed as follows:

- 7 members by the President;
- 3 voting and 1 non-voting members by the Speaker;
- 3 voting and 1 non-voting members by the House Minority Leader;
- 3 voting and 1 non-voting by the Senate Majority Leader; and
- 3 voting and 1 non-voting by the Senate Minority Leader.

Members of the Commission should be experienced with planning for and the administration of similar museums; or have a demonstrated commitment to the research or promotion of American Latino life, art, culture, history, etc., and possess expertise in museum administration, fundraising, or other relevant experience.

Sec. 3 The Commission will be tasked with producing the following:

A national conference within 9 months of being formed;

A fundraising plan within 18 months; and

A report on the following issues

- The availability and cost of collections to be acquired and housed in the Museum.
- The impact of the Museum on regional Hispanic- and Latino-related museums.
- Possible locations for the Museum in Washington, DC and its environs, to be considered in consultation with the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts.
- Whether the Museum should be located within the Smithsonian Institution.
- The governance and organizational structure from which the Museum should operate.
- How to engage the American Latino community in the development and design of the Museum.

Sec. 4 Establishes that the Commission will be housed by the Dept. of Interior, which shall provide facilities, administrative support, reimbursement, and travel expenses on a per diem basis. Provides for a Director and staff to be appointed by the Commission.

Sec. 5 Sets deadlines for the report and the termination of the commission.

Sec. 6 Authorizes appropriations of \$3.2 million over two years.

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